Minimising the Red-Tapism in Government offices

2074. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken by Government to reduce red-tapism in the Ministries and offices and to reduce the time-consuming procedure of the Government of India; and

(b) the details of effects of these measures, in terms of time, and to what extent the time-bound disposal of files has taken place?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): (a) and (b) Steps taken include:

(i) simplification and rationalisation of procedures to cut out delays;

(ii) preparation of time-bound action plans by the ministries regarding their functional areas and regular monitoring of the results achieved;

(iii) fixation of levels by the ministries for taking decisions on various categories of cases and the channel of their submission to speed up decision making and to enforce accountability;

(iv) delegation of powers by the Ministry of Finance to administrative ministries and by administrative ministries to their lower formations; and

(v) fixation of time limits for disposal of applications for licences/approvals received from public.

The position in this regard is reviewed from time to time. To cite a few exam-
improvements made: the pace of
of applications in Import/Export
Organisation, Department of
rs and Department of In-
ment has quickened; the
financial clearance of
Railways have substan-
sition regarding settle-
nd the overall disposal
of business by the ministries is further streamlined.

Representation from federation of publishers and book sellers

2075. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the Federation of Publishers and Book Sellers Association, India for restoring section 80 QQ of Income-tax Act to enable the publishers to have some reprieve from rising costs of paper and other printing inputs;

(b) if so, whether Government have accepted this request of publishers; and

(c) what is the total amount which is involved in giving this concession to publishers by restoring of section 80 QQ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No comprehensive date are readily available in regard to the amount involved in giving this concession to publishers by restoring section 80 QQ. However, from the statistics available in regard to a sample of 3175 returns for assessment year 1984-85, the total revenue involved on this account was Rs. 1.331 crores in these cases.

Subsidies given by Government

2076. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) total amount of subsidies given by Government to each sector including export subsidy during the last financial year and the current financial year; and

(b) the names of sectors to which subsidy has been given during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN